

Mr. Hitchcock Urges the Nation to Buy Telegraphs

charges to which a private corporation is subject the government undoubtedly will be able to afford greater telegraphic facilities at lower rates to the people than the companies now conducting this business.

Next to the introduction of a parcels post, for which there is already a strong popular demand, the establishment of the government telegraph system, in the opinion of the Postmaster General, offers the best opportunity for the profitable extension of our postal business. He sees no reason why the United States should lag behind other nations in enlarging its post office system to include not only postal savings but also parcels post and government telegraph facilities.

Commends the Plan.
Government ownership of wireless telegraph system was suggested by the Commissioner of Navigation, E. T. Chamberlain, in his last report. He said: "In the light of experience it is probable that if we had now to meet at the beginning the question of land telegraph lines, the United States would have assumed the ownership and operation of them as other nations have done."

Mr. Chamberlain emphasized the point that the purchase of the wireless business would be much cheaper now than at some future date.

Senator Cummins, of Iowa, said: "I am disposed to favor the principle of government ownership of telegraph lines, but would insist that their acquisition be accomplished on a basis of honest value determined by persons not susceptible to political influence."

Senator Crane, of Massachusetts, a member of the Senate Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, said he had never heard of the proposal, did not know how hard the administration proposed to push it, or how it would be received in the Senate.

Representative Lloyd, a member of the Post Office Committee and an authority on postal affairs, said that he did not think any legislation would be enacted at this session in favor of government ownership of telegraph lines. He said that the First Assistant Postmaster General, Charles Grandfield, who recently appeared before the committee, had advocated this policy.

Senator Briggs Hostile.
Senator Briggs, of New Jersey, republican, said: "It does not strike me favorably. I am not a government ownership advocate and would not favor anything for this country simply because another country had adopted it. Those European nations which have taken over and operated the telegraph systems have large standing armies, and have probably found it desirable as a military precaution."

"An end against the scheme," said Senator Bankhead, of Alabama, democratic, member of the Senate Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, "and it will have very little consideration in the Senate or the House either, I should say. First, the tremendous cost would prevent the carrying out of the idea, but more important is the question of the government going into private business. The operation of the telegraph business should be left to private enterprise, and the government should content itself with exercising the power of regulation for the benefit of the public."

Senator Smith, of South Carolina, democratic, member of the committee, said: "This chimerical scheme of Mr. Hitchcock's looks to me like an attempt to muddy the waters and divert attention from the parcels post system, which we all want, and delay the adoption of that plan for the extension of the postal service. If the Postmaster General really intended to make his department of more value to the people he should begin by improving the service, for it is to-day more demoralized than ever in history."

CHICAGO FAILS TO AGREE ON NEW PLAN

Many Favor Government Ownership of Wire Lines, While Others Strongly Oppose Purchase.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]
CHICAGO, Ill., Sunday.—Chicago men are divided on the question of the government taking over and operating the telegraph lines as recommended by Postmaster General Hitchcock.

Edward P. Dunne, formerly Mayor, said: "I am very glad such a recommendation is going to Congress. It is a step that should have been taken long ago. We are simply getting into line with the other great Powers of the world. Ours is the only great civilized nation which does not own and operate its telegraph system. I believe government ownership and operation will result in cheaper and better service."

Simon P. Shope, once Chief Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court, said: "I am for government ownership and operation of a telegraph system and will vote for the men who pledge themselves to it. There is as much reason for the government to furnish a system of communication by wire as by post. We would have a telegraph service practically at cost if the government operated it. Other nations which long ago established government ownership of this kind have not regretted the fact so far as I know."

Federal Insurance Company, and once president of the National League of Republican Clubs, said: "It seems to me, considering the question of a rather informal standpoint, that that is one of the things the government might well afford to do. I am not very familiar with the practical workings of the system in Great Britain or the people's attitude toward it, but it is my impression that not only in that country but every other where government telegraph systems are in use the service is inexpensive and satisfactory."

Bernard E. Sunny, president of the Chicago Telephone Company, said: "I doubt if the experience abroad in government owned telegraph systems has been satisfactory from an American standpoint. The telegraph is not used as extensively there as it is here. For this reason the adoption of such a plan would be experimental. I see no reason why the government should enter the business of newspaper or hardware business. It has all it can do now to run its offices properly. This seems the beginning of a plan for the government to own and operate everything. I am in favor of plenty of

government supervision but not of such a broad scope of government ownership." John D. Marshall, president of Marshall Field & Co., said: "It is far too big a question for comment without mature deliberation."

BOSTON IS DIVIDED ON TELEGRAPH PLAN

Business Men and Politicians See Advantages and Dangers in Government Ownership.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]
BOSTON, Mass., Sunday.—Business men, bankers, manufacturers and politicians, who were seen to-night, were divided on the Postmaster General's plan to have the government buy the telegraph lines and operate them in connection with the Post Office.

Charles S. Hamlin, formerly Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, said: "I have never given any special thought to the matter and do not know what the expense to the government would be, but I see no practical reason why the government could not operate the telegraph lines as they do in Great Britain."

Alexander McGee, merchant and member of the Governors' Council, said: "I have always been in favor of the government owning the telegraph lines and railroads. The success of the parcels post in Great Britain is an evidence of what can be accomplished by a government in the interests of the people. I hope that Mr. Hitchcock's recommendation will be adopted."

Governor Eugene N. Foss said: "That is a subject I would not care to discuss to-night without giving it a great deal of thought. It is a big question." Joseph H. O'Neill, lawyer, said: "I am against government ownership on general principles. Instead of buying the telegraph lines the government should supervise and regulate them."

"The record of the Post Office Department has made in handling its legitimate business is not such as would justify a good business man in handing over any additional business to it."

Charles W. Bartlett, lawyer, said: "The government control of telegraph lines in England works finely. If we could do as well over here Mr. Hitchcock's plan might be all right, but there are very many things to be considered before the adoption of such a plan."

TWO PROTESTS COME FROM NEW ORLEANS

One Time Head of American Bar Association Fears Cost of Government Operation.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]
NEW ORLEANS, La., Sunday.—"It would be a great calamity to the business interests of the United States," said C. H. Ellis, division manager of the United Fruit Company, to-night, discussing government ownership of telegraph lines. "It would not only cripple the telegraph service, but it would render the Post Office Department less efficient. The government does not know how to run a telegraph company and could not operate as well as a private concern."

"The attempt of the English government to do this very thing is very feeble, and the worst I ever saw. We get a fair idea from running our wireless service what such a move would mean, and I cannot see anything but disaster ahead of it."

"I am opposed to government ownership," said E. E. Harris, formerly president of the American Bar Association, "but the United States has the power to operate the telegraph lines under the postal laws. If the government should determine to run a telegraph company, it would be better to build new lines, because I think it could be done for one-twentieth of what the present companies are capitalized at."

"It has been the history of government all over the world that they have operated the business as cheaply and satisfactorily as a private company or individual, and I do not believe it can prove different in this case. Aside from my opposition to the government ownership, I oppose to see how the United States can operate the telegraph lines as efficiently and with the same despatch that the present companies do."

URGES PARCELS POST TO CUT RURAL DEFICIT

Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Says It Will Probably Yield a Large Revenue.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]
WASHINGTON, D. C., Sunday.—The establishment of parcel post delivery along rural mail routes should not be delayed any longer, in the opinion of P. V. de Fraw, Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, as expressed in his annual report submitted to-day to Postmaster General Hitchcock.

"Every consideration of practicability, business expediency and good administration," he says, "favors the plan as being a probable source of large revenue and great public accommodation."

Mr. de Fraw bases his recommendation for a parcels post on the ground that the expenditure for rural service is increasing much more rapidly than the receipts, and the parcels post, he says, would provide much additional revenue. During the last year the rural mail receipts were \$7,570,000, while the expenditures were \$12,130,000. For the present year there has been a projected increase of \$1,700,000, while it is not expected that there will be any appreciable increase in receipts. This loss will become greater each year, he says, unless the parcels post is established to help.

There are more than one million miles of rural mail routes, and the average mileage a day for each carrier is 2 1/2 miles. During the last year 377 routes were added, making the total 4,656. More than 13,000,000 letters and parcels were received at the Dead Letter Office during the year, the daily receipts averaging 4,500 pieces, an increase over the previous year of eight per cent.

MR. CARNEGIE TELLS OF KNOX LETTER

"President McKinley Needed No Recommendation from Me," He Says in Communication.

sent McKinley needed no letter of recommendation from me is quite right. I had forgotten I had written such a letter and am inclined to think it must have begun by congratulating President McKinley upon being able to get such a man. President Taft, who had sat in the Cabinet with Mr. Knox, called him out of the Senate and gave him first position in the Cabinet, successor to the man whom President Roosevelt pronounced to me to be the wisest man I ever knew."

NEW BATTLE SHIPS URGED AT BANQUET

Colonel Robert M. Thompson Favors Policy at Navy League's Dinner to Mr. Winthrop.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]
WASHINGTON, D. C., Sunday.—Fun and frolic prevailed at the banquet given at the New Willard Hotel last night by the Navy League to Mr. Beckman Winthrop, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and representatives of the press. Colonel Robert M. Thompson, as toastmaster, was seated at the same table with Mr. Winthrop, who urged two battle ships at this session of Congress, who is silent on his naval policies, but who is understood to favor only one ship.

The object of the Navy League is to stimulate interest in the navy. The features of the banquet all smacked of the navy, even the moving pictures displayed of stirring happenings at sea and the songs sung or otherwise rendered by Senators, Representatives, naval officers and others in official life beside members of the press.

MARRIAGE LONG A SECRET.

Boarder in Widow's Home Weds Sixteen-Year-Old Daughter and Her Mother Is Surprised.

Surprising Mrs. Frances Koebel, of No. 413 Central avenue, Orange, a widow who had been interested in her acquaintance, Philip Tindall, forty-five years old, announced to her yesterday that he desired her blessing as a son-in-law.

The astonished parent was informed by her sixteen-year-old daughter Frances that Mr. Tindall was telling the truth, as she had been Tindall since June 22 last, three days after she had graduated from St. John's Parochial School, Orange.

Mrs. Koebel demanded to know where the wedding had been solemnized and the bridegroom produced a certificate showing the marriage had taken place in St. Peter's Church, Manhattan. Thomas Riley, of Newark, was the only witness.

Mrs. Koebel was not certain that she would extend the parental blessing, although she has permitted the couple to live in her home for a few days. Mr. Tindall had been boarding at the house.

As a school girl Miss Koebel was one of the brightest pupils in the graduating class. She won three medals at commencement for proficiency in bookkeeping, stenography and English.

BUTCHERS ARE VICTIMS.

Burglars and Hold-Up Men in Newark Shops After Saturday Business Is Done.

Two Newark butchers were victims of burglars and hold-up men yesterday morning and on Saturday night. When Jacob Abrams went to his store, at Avon avenue and Hunterdon street, early yesterday he found the door of his iron safe on the floor and the interior of the safe in disorder. It had been ransacked and all the money was missing. Mr. Abrams said he did not know how much money was missing.

No trace has been found of the two men who walked into the butcher shop of Otto P. Ebbe, at No. 17 West Kinross street, Saturday night and held up Mr. Ebbe and his helper at pistol point until they took \$120 from the cash drawer. As they backed through the door they told the two that if they followed or made any outcry they would be killed.

As soon as they had gone Mr. Ebbe telephoned to Police Headquarters, but when the policemen arrived there was no sign of the robbers.

ARRESTS HIS "WATCHMAN."

Yonkers Shop Keeper Leaves Stranger in Charge and Passing Policeman Takes Him to the Station.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]
YONKERS, N. Y., Sunday.—When Richard Post, who keeps a shop at No. 58 North Broadway, was about to close his place last night he found he had mislaid his keys. Seeing a stalwart young man passing, he called him to him and said: "I am sorry, but I have lost my keys. Will you please take them to the station for me?"

"Well, Jim, I'll give you a dollar to watch this place till I come back," said the shopkeeper.

The man accepted the offer, and assured Post he would defend the property entrusted to his care. Mr. Post departed, and Policeman Sullivan came along. When he saw the man in the store he thought he had a burglar and arrested him, despite protestations of innocence.

Mr. Post came back about this time with his keys, and found his watchman in custody. At the police station Connors was charged with vagrancy.

SHOT, FALLS UNDER TRAIN.

Frank Dergan Fatally Hurt at Waldwick Station, and Frederick Schneider Is in Jail.

PIONEER MR. WILSON TO SUCCEED MR. BACON

Assistant Secretary of State Says Report Is "Premature, to Say the Least."

POST FOR MR. DAWSON

Diplomatists Think He Will Become Assistant to Mr. Knox, but He Deprecates Story.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]
ALBANY, N. Y., Sunday.—When Governor Dix makes this week, possibly to-morrow, the first of his appointments in the \$100,000 of patronage he has to distribute something may be learned of the truth of the story that has been repeated here since the first of the year that the Governor and Charles E. Murphy have reached the forks of the political road.

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Mr. Bessel has been busy eliminating that objection. His connection with the Highway and Canal Departments have given him an acquaintance through the State he did not have before. He has been willing to speak at Chamber of Commerce banquets and make himself agreeable to those who opposed him. On the practical side, he will soon open Barge Canal Terminal offices in New York, Utica, Syracuse, Rochester and Buffalo.

There will be a great deal of news for some patriotic democrats to go to work in addition to all of this he has J. J. Neville, ostensibly in a clerical capacity, in reality as a publicity man, and Mr. Neville is seeing that the country newspapers are becoming acquainted with the many qualifications of Mr. Bessel.

MOTHER'S PLEA WINS.
Thomas McDonald Paroled in Her Custody After Chopping Telegraph Pole.

Word was carried yesterday to the Bedford avenue station, Williamsburg, that a man provided with a long fire department axe was hacking barber's poles, news-stands and telegraph poles in the vicinity of Havens and South Second streets. Policeman Thornton was sent to see what was going on. He found Thomas McDonald, nineteen years old, of No. 23 South Third street.

When interrupted in his work of hacking at a telegraph pole he attacked the policeman and a struggle ensued and finally he was landed in the station house. McDonald was taken before Magistrate Dodd in the Manhattan Avenue Court, where the prisoner's mother, begged for his release.

Magistrate Dodd finally decided to parole McDonald in the custody of his mother, with the understanding that Mrs. McDonald would bring him to court every Sunday for one year.

POST FOR ADMIRAL WARD.

Reported That He Will Succeed Admiral Leutze at Navy Yard.

When Rear Admiral Eugene H. C. Lutze retired on June 7 from active duty in the navy as commandant of the New York Navy Yard, he will be succeeded, it is believed, by Rear Admiral Aaron Ward, who is in charge of the First division of the Atlantic fleet.

Admiral Leutze participated in several engagements during the civil war, and in 1898, while in command of the U. S. S. Monterey, was ordered to Manila, where he was at the taking of the city of Manila.

Just previous to the Spanish-American War Rear Admiral Ward served as junior counsel to the navy at the New York Navy Yard, together with his seniority in rank makes him the most logical successor to Admiral Leutze.

He commanded the Wasp during the war with Spain and for his services in battle was advanced in rank.

WALK ACROSS THE HUDSON.

River at Yonkers Frozen Over for First Time in Twenty Years and Many Make the Trip.

Think Governor Dix Plans to Break with Mr. Murphy

Politicians in Albany Expect Confirmation of Report in Appointments Soon To Be Made—Executive Resents Criticisms of Tammany Affiliations.

HINT OF HENSEL CANDIDACY AS SUCCESSOR

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NAVY SECRETS SAFE, IGNORE DR. WILEY.

OFFICIALS DECLARE DEMOCRATIC PLAN NOT IN DANGER FROM "FOREIGN" ACCOUNTANTS, THEY SAY, AND ARE VERY FEW ANYHOW.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]
WASHINGTON, D. C., Sunday.—Fear that foreign governments had obtained access to important navy secrets as a consequence of Secretary Meyer's employment of "foreign" accountants in the Navy Department expressed by Representative Francis Burton Harrison, of New York, in the House of Representatives has called forth good natured comments in naval circles. It is denied that the firm of accountants employed by Mr. Meyer was a "foreign" firm, but even if it had been naval officials said to see how important navy secrets could have been divulged. The much talked of secrecy in naval matters, it is explained, is greatly misunderstood by the layman.

Mr. Meyer employed the firm of Marwick & Mitchell to go over the books of erstwhile Paymaster General E. B. Rogers in the spring of 1910 after bookkeeping matters in the department were believed to be unsatisfactory. Marwick & Mitchell, with headquarters in New York, do ninety-six per cent of their business in the United States.

The impression that foreign governments are kept in ignorance of all that goes on in the United States Navy is entirely erroneous, naval officers explain. Foreign navies are enabled, through the Congressional records, to get at all the bearings on matters of intricate details in navy organization, and nothing has been more thoroughly threshed out in the department than the most accounting system and matters of bookkeeping.

In general terms all that governments attempt to keep secret from one another in matters pertaining to the navy is how the men are trained, how the fire control system is worked aboard ships, to see what is going on in almost every branch of a foreign naval service and the foreign naval attaches here are accorded similar facilities.

TO TRY FORESTRY ON STATE'S LANDS

Conservation Commission Recommends Scientific Culture on the Grounds of Different Institutions.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]
ALBANY, N. Y., Sunday.—The Conservation Commission has recommended that there be an application of scientific forestry on the lands of State institutions. The State has, in connection with the institutions, under the supervision of the Fiscal Supervisor of State Charities 8,698 acres of which 3,584 acres need the application of expert forestry.

The practical side of this is shown at the Craig colony, at Somers, where there are 1,916 acres of woodland, with the stand so thick as to cause stagnation of tree growth. It is proposed to cut down some of the trees, making a saving of coal and furnishing healthy employment for the inmates.

Tree planting is recommended for the Elmira Reformatory and the reformatory at Napanoch, Bedford and other places. Shade tree improvement and the utilization of waste land are recommended and they then restore the Rev. Mr. Vanden Heuvel to the pastorate.

THUNDER STOLEN BY MR. TAFT, COMMITTEE WILL MAKE TAME REPORT ON INVESTIGATION.

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SUGGESTS LAW TO HURRY BARGE CANAL

Head of Public Works Says Close of Navigation Would Save State Time and Money.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]
ALBANY, N. Y., Sunday.—Charles E. Treman, Superintendent of Public Works, in his annual report, which will be submitted to the Legislature to-morrow, declares it would have been to the financial advantage of the State if the law had provided that during the construction of the barge canal all navigation be suspended. He says that much of the masonry and concrete work cannot be well done after the close of the navigation season.

"If this could be done, even at this date," he says, "the completion of the improved waterway would be advanced so as to bring the date of placing the new canal in commission nearer by two or three years."

The records show an increased tonnage on the canal of the State as compared with 1910. There is discussed the disposition of the present canals and canal lands, and it is said this should be done only after a careful study of conditions and values.

Mr. Treman says the new canal will require different methods of operation, maintenance and repair, and many of the statutes now in operation will be poorly fitted for the regulation of it. He recommends that a commission be created to make a careful study of the problems, including the character of the craft most probably to be used, the proper organization, both as to men and machinery, location and equipment and other matters.

Attention is called to the opportunity for power development in connection with dams constructed as a part of the canal improvement. The opportunities in his mind are particularly apparent, at Pella, above Rome, and at Hinkle, above Herkimer, where gigantic dams are to be constructed. Mr. Treman believes the water from these and other dams may be discharged for feeding the canal, so as to develop power without any loss of value for navigation purposes.

BISHOP IS CHAMPION OF DEATH PENALTY

Dr. Doane, Episcopal Prelate, Quotes Bible in Opposition to Governor Dix's View.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]
ALBANY, N. Y., Sunday.—"Whosoever sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed." This was the answer of the Right Rev. William Croswell Doane, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany, when asked whether he believed in the abolition of capital punishment, the question having been suggested by the attitude of Governor Dix and Colonel Joseph F. Scott, State Superintendent of Prisons, who have announced their belief that the death penalty should be abandoned in this State.

"Capital punishment is right," said the Bishop. "The objection to it is purely sentimental. Those who have been declining their votes in favor of the removal of the death penalty overlook the one great significant instruction—God's own word, which I have quoted."

Edgar M. Cullen, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, which passes on practically all of the murder cases in the State, says the death penalty should not be removed. "The law in this State is right as it stands," he was quoted to-day. "The bars of justice should not be let down."

Cornelius V. Collins, formerly State Superintendent of Prisons, has long opposed the abolition of capital punishment. "If a guard in our prisons incurred the penalty of a life prison," said Mr. Collins, "there would be nothing to prevent the prisoner from killing the guard and as many others as he wanted to. You could do nothing more to the prisoner, no matter how many the number, than the fear of the electric chair that puts a damper on slaying in this State. To abolish it simply would mean an official notification to a slayer that after he had killed one man and set him free for a fortnight to kill as many more as he saw fit."

The Flags Our Fathers Won. At Annapolis, based away and allowed to rot, are the flags won in military and naval engagements that have reflected great honor on America. They are to be rescued now and preserved. Full story in the SUNDAY NEW YORK HERALD, January 21.

PRESIDENT TAFT TO ADDRESS LAWYERS

Mr. Knox Also Among Speakers for State Bar Association Meeting This Week.

President Taft, Philander C. Knox, Secretary of State, and other prominent men will take part in the programme arranged by the New York State Bar Association for its annual meeting in this city next Friday and Saturday. The privileges of the Union League and the City clubs and the Century Association have been extended to the members of the Bar Association during the meeting.

The opening session will be held Friday morning at ten o'clock in the rooms of the Association on the top floor of the New York at No. 42 West Forty-fourth street, when Elihu Root, president of the State association, will preside. Mr. Knox will deliver the annual address in Carnegie Hall Friday night. The President's address will be delivered by Mr. Root on Friday afternoon.

President Taft will speak at the dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria, Saturday night. Mons. Jean J. Haughey, French Ambassador, and Joseph H. Choate, also will speak.

DURYEA CHURCH CELEBRATES.

Members of the Duryea Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the church this week. Special services and meetings have been planned for the entire week.

The Rev. Dr. William L. Davenport, pastor, preached the anniversary sermon at yesterday morning's service. In the afternoon the Sunday school children had a jubilee rally. In the evening the Rev. John E. Fray, who was pastor of the church from 1881 to 1906, preached.

Famous Old Hotel Burned.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]
PLAINFIELD, N. J., Sunday.—Nelson's Hotel, at New Market, one of the landmarks in this vicinity, was more than half destroyed by fire early to-day. The damages amounted to about three thousand dollars. For nearly fifty years Lloyd Nelson conducted the hotel. The building was a century old, and during the early days was one of the stopping places on the Old Post road.